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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 5899

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE FESTIVITIES

DETOURED TO CONGO

REF: BUCHAREST 5797

1. AN MFA OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED THAT EMIL BOBU, RANKING RCP
POLEXCO MEMBER WHO WAS TO HEAD ROMANIA'S DELEGATION TO ANGOLAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS, NEVER MADE IT TO LUANDA, BUT WAS
FORCED TO DETOUR TO BRAZZAVILLE FOR REASONS OF PERSONAL SAFETY.
IT IS NOT KNOWN IF BOBU WAS ABOARD THE PORTUGUESE AIRLINER

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CARRYING FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WHICH WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN

TURNED AWAY FROM LUANDA AIRPORT BY SHELL FIRE (HERALD TRIBUNE, NOVEMBER 12, 1975).

2. SCINTEIA (NOVEMBER 16) REPORTS THAT GOR AMBASSADOR TO BRAZZAVILLE, GHEORGHE STOICAN, DID MAKE IT TO LUANDA AND WAS RECEIVED BY NETO ON NOVEMBER 14. HE DELIVERED GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, A TASK WHICH ORDINARILY WOULD HAVE FALLEN TO BOBU.

3. COMMENT. BOBU'S FAILURE TO REACH LUANDA BECAUSE OF CHAOTIC CONDITIONS THERE MUST CAUSE GOR TO REFLECT ON WHETHER THEY HAVE BACKED A WINNER IN THEIR UNCHARACTERISTIC RECOGNITION OF MPLA (REFTEL), WHICH MFA HAS NOW LAMELY JUSTIFIED TO US AS BASED SOLELY ON MPLA CONTROL OF CAPITAL. IN MEANTIME ANGOLAN SITUATION CONTINUES TO BE MAJOR TOPIC OF DIPLOMATIC CONVERSATION HERE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD DEPARTMENT PLEASE PROVIDE UP-DATE OF CONFUSED ANGOLAN SITUATION AND IN PARTICULAR WHAT FORCES ARE INVOLVED THERE AGAINST RPT AGAINST MPLA? WE ARE IN PARTICULAR NEED OF DEPARTMENTAL POSITION CONCERNING ALLEGED U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SUPPLY OF ARMS AND MATERIAL TO VARIOUS ANGOLAN FACTIONS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.
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